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Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" In spite of the repeated assertions of the Hon. Minister that the *sisma* formula has been accepted by the sugarcane growers, it is a fact that it has not been accepted by the growers and that is why sugarcane is not forthcoming for crushing by the mills and the fact that so many mills have closed down for that reason will prove that statement. For instance, the Pugalur Sugar Mills have been closed down and that shows that the basis of the formula is not satisfactory. That being so, might I ask if the Government will take steps to revise the *sisma* formula? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The price for sugarcane for the next year is not now under consideration. We are now only dealing with the price of sugarcane for the year 1952–53. When the question of fixing the price of sugarcane for the year 1953–54 is taken up the suggestion of the hon. Member will be kept in mind."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" What is the rate per maund as per the *Sisma formula?* "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It depends upon the recovery of sugar in the factory where the sugarcane is supplied and also the average price at which the sugar produced by the factory has been sold during the year."

Sri T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" May I know if the average price under the formula was greater or less than the price recommended by the Government of Madras to the All India Sugarcane Growers Association? If it was lower, may I know the reasons why it was lower? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The Government fixed only the minimum price and it does not say that the factories should not pay any higher price than that."

Sri P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" May I know, Sir, whether complaints have been received that even the minimum price has not been paid regularly at once on the delivery of stock by the Sri Rama Sugar Mills, Bobbili and what was the action taken by the Government in regard to those complaints? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" We have had no complaint as yet but now that the hon. Member has given the information, the matter will be looked into."

Alleged lathi charge by the Police at Theagarayanagar.

* 966-C *Q.*—Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that lathi charge and tear gas were used by the police in Theagarayanagar on the public ; and

(*b*) the reason for the use of the same?

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) It is wrong to bring in the public into the incident. There has been an organized and repeated disregard of law for some days past as is known to the hon. Member.

" On the 22nd at about 8-15 a.m. a procession consisting of about 300 volunteers of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam under the leadership of Sri Annamalai of Kancheepuram, wearing badges and carrying flags formed up near the Thyagarayanagar post office and marched in procession, shouting anti-Government slogans. The processionists were stopped about 25 yards from the Police Station and when questioned whether they had a licence to take out the procession, the leader of the procession denied having obtained a licence and shouted anti-Police and anti-Government slogans such as ' Down with so and so ' and ' down with this and that '. They showed a defiant mood and were determined to proceed ahead. At the same time there were unruly and boisterous crowds of about 200 of their comrades and sympathizers on either side of the platform of the road shouting similar slogans and encouraging the demonstrators. They were warned that if they failed to disperse and continued to be defiant, they will be dispersed by force. This warning did not have the desired effect and the unruly crowd wanted the Police party to make way. Hence one tear smoke grenade was thrown among the defiant crowd. At that time the crowds on either side of the road shouted at and rushed towards the Police party necessitating the throwing of another tear smoke grenade on the crowd on the pavement to the right and another on the left. The smoke did not have the desired effect on the unruly elements and the crowd surged forward and the small Police party of about 10 men including the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Law and Order, was in danger of being hemmed in. Thereupon a cane charge was ordered on the crowd of processionists and sympathizers which had the desired effect. The crowds dispersed and Sri Annamalai and 14 other Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam volunteers were taken into custody. They were removed from the scene to the Police Station and a case has been registered against them under section 147, I.P.C., read with section 41 of the City Police Act. They have been remanded to custody till 5th August 1953.

" About 25 minutes later a group of 10 volunteers again formed themselves in a procession and proceeded along Dr. Nair Road with a view to staging a demonstration in front of the Chief Minister's residence. These volunteers were warned to disperse. As they refused to disperse and as repeated warnings had no effect, they were dispersed by a cane charge. The volunteers broke up and ran away in different directions. This is what happened. Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know. Sir. if the incident took place just opposite to the Police Station? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"I have read the account as given to me; I think it is somewhere about the Post office and the Police Station. I do not know how they are situated."

9–10 a.m. SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—" எதிர்பாராதவிதமாக கண்ணீர்ப்புகை விடுத்ததால் மக்கள் கண் தெரியாமல் இருக்கும் சமயத்தில் தடியடிப் பிரயோகம் செய்ததனால் ஒருவருக்கு மண்டை உடைந்ததும், வேறொருவருக்கு கை முறிந்ததும், இன்னும் சிலருக்கு காயம் ஏற்பட்டதும் சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா? தடியடிப் பிரயோகத்தினால் காயமடைந்தவர்களை ஆஸ்பத்திரிகளுக்கு எடுத்துச் சென்று அவர்களுக்கு சிகிச்சையளிப்பதும் போலீசாரின் கடமையில்லையா என்று சர்க்காரைக் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகின்றேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, those who organize these commotions must to a certain extent accept the natural consequences. The Government are doing all that is their duty to do."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know. Sir, how many persons were injured and whether any police constable or police officer was injured? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no case of injury to the police officers. The question is about the dispersal of a crowd which was unlawful."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" As friends opposite are objecting to the use of 'tear gas', will the Hon. the Chief Minister consider the use of 'laughing gas' and make people laugh instead of cry? " (Laughter.)

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" How many members of the public were injured in the assault by the police? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is difficult to say, Sir. I don't think there was any serious injury at all. The cane-charge was a very mild one. I thought I need not repeat the word 'mild' which was in the report itself."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Have the Government taken any trouble to find out what exactly the object of the processionists is and if so whether the Government cannot dispel their fears by explaining their policy much better so that the processionists and the Government may know where exactly they are standing as far as their purposes are concerned? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I think I understand their object. It is that the Government should resign."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Was any application for licence made to take out a procession and refused? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" They had no licence, Sir. That is what I can gather from the report. I

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do not think they have applied for a licence. Their object is to demonstrate without applying for the licence. This is going on every day."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I understand that a man is very seriously bed-ridden in the Royapettah Hospital. May I request you, Sir, to give us a half-hour debate on this question? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" To-day is Friday. Apart from that, I have since agreed to have a half an hour debate on the cancellation of teachers' certificates tomorrow. We have got also the debate on the new elementary education scheme. In the non-official programme, the third item relates to it. Under rule 22, it can be taken up earlier. Perhaps one day will be allotted for a debate on that subject. You may then discuss whatever you want. So, I cannot allow a half an hour debate now."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—" இந்த கேள்விகளுக்கு அரை மணி நேரம் ஒதுக்குவதாக நேற்று நீங்கள் சொன்னீர்களே? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இதே விஷயம் திங்கட்கிழமை விவாதத்திற்கு வருகிறது. திங்கட்கிழமை non-official day யாக ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று Leader of the House சொன்னார்களாதலால் இன்றைக்கு இந்தக் கேள்விக்கு அரை மணி நேரம் ஒதுக்க முடியாமல் இருக்கிறது."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" On a point of information, Sir, திங்கட்கிழமை புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தைப்பற்றி விவாதிப்பதற்காக ஒதுக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆனால், இன்று கொண்டுவரப்பட்டிருக்கும் ஒத்திவைப்புப் பிரேரணை நேற்று நடந்த தடியடிப் பிரயோகத்தைப்பற்றியும், கண்ணீர்ப் புகையைப் பற்றியதுமாகும். ஆகையால், இன்றைக்கு அரை மணி நேரம் ஒதுக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகின்றேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" இதுவும் திங்கட்கிழமை விவாதத்திற்கு வரும் விஷயத்தில் அடங்கியிருக்கிறது."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" இது வேறு, அது வேறு. இரண்டு விஷயங்களையும் ஒன்றாகச் சேர்ப்பது சரியல்ல."

MR. SPEAKER :—" திங்கட்கிழமை விவாதத்தில் இந்த விஷயமும் வருகிறதா, இல்லையா என்று பாருங்கள் " (சிரிப்பு.)

Abolition of the posts of Poet Laureates.

* 967 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri P. B. K. Rajachidambaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the reasons for abolishing the posts of Poet Laureates in the Madras State?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government are of the view that real poetry cannot be inspired by this method."

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* 968 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the reasons for the abolition of Poet Laureateship?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Attention is invited to the answer to question No. 967."